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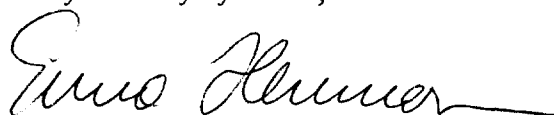
To whom it may concern:

I respectfully urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain. It further poses an increased risk for bacterial contamination and there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE. Downed animals comprise a very small percentage of animals slaughtered, and prohibiting their marketing will cause no undue economic hardship.

The downed animals are pushed with tractors or dragged with chains, the most inhumane processes one can imagine, which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments. No room for such practices in a civilized society!

Thank you.

Very truly yours,



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